



# WatIF

Water Initiative for the Future

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27 - 29 July 2016



**Empowering** the leaders of tomorrow for the **future** of the world's water



# About WatIF 2016

The Water Initiative for the Future (WatIF) 2016, hosted at Queen's University, is a novel international conference organized by a multidisciplinary group of graduate students for graduate students.



## Our three pillars

### Empowerment

*Inspire - Passion - Confidence - Leadership*

Providing a unique opportunity to inspire a greater passion for water in students and removing the feeling of isolation that (young) researchers often feel when they become specialized.

### Education

*Multidisciplinary - Learn - Communicate - Challenge*

Encourage collaboration through peer-to-peer learning by bringing graduate students from across the globe and from various disciplines to one location.

### Community

*Collaboration - Communication - Companionship - Friendship*

Foster long lasting professional and personal relationships across disciplines and geographical locations in order to create more effective collaboration, communication and innovative problem solving among students.

## Program at a glance

*Breakout Sessions & Panel Discussion*

Students will be encouraged to step outside of their comfort zone during various specially designed activities to strengthen their confidence within themselves and their peers.

*Concurrent & Poster Sessions*

Students will learn various tools that will allow them to communicate their research to a general audience. Delegates will have the opportunity to learn about various water-related research from peers.

*Social Events & Evening Gala & Field Trip*

These events are designed to give delegates the chance to connect socially which reflecting on the days activities. They will help students and professionals to create life time professional and personal bonds.



Hosted at Queen's University

Kingston, ON  
Canada



## Get involved

WatIF is not only for students, it is for anyone who wants to make a **positive impact** on the future of the world's water resources. We invite both students and experts to get involved. Please contact us if you are interested in:

- Providing sponsorship or other support.
- Attending WatIF as a student or expert.
- Joining the network of early water-researchers as a committee member.
- Submitting an abstract
  - **(Call for Abstracts Opens February 11).**
- And much more!

## Our Team

The WatIF organizing committee is comprised of approximately 10 passionate, driven, and like-minded graduate students from a wide variety of disciplines mostly at Queen's University. It is with a lot of dedication and enthusiasm that they volunteer their time to help run WatIF to empower their fellow peers.



## For More Information

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